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letter of 18 October 1975, in accordance with the  
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b. Plant installations (for general location see Object B on Annex 1):

About 10 three-story dwelling buildings, each 83x33 feet.  
Four-story building with laboratory and designing office,  
330x100 feet.

Engine house (see sketch 2 on Annex 2)

Transformer station. 26x26x17 feet.

Water basin, "gas tank", about 17 feet in diameter and 26 to 33 feet high.

Several small workshops.

All buildings were completed in the spring of 1948.

c. Power supply: Via high-tension line, no details.

d. The arrival of 46 ammonia cooling plants supplied by the ZWICKAU "Kaeltechnik" (Refrigeration Engineering) Firm was observed.

e. [redacted] stated, "Professor HERTZ is here in charge of the reestablishment of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute"

2. a. Location: See Object B on Annex 1

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b. Size of plant area: 1,300 feet along the road, 1,650 feet in the direction of the mountains, and 333 feet on its eastern side.

c. Plant installations: Four-story semi-circular building, 330 feet long, with laboratory.

Eight five-story buildings, each 200x265 feet.

One five or six-story building, 400 feet long.

Power plant, 85x85 feet.

Three tanks for gas or liquid.

Two settlements with about ten small houses were located outside the plant installations.

d. The arrival of German machinery and boxes was observed.

e. Observation of an incident:

One day a train of 11 or 12 freight cars carrying boxes arrived. These boxes contained corrugated sheet metal containers, each 18x18x6 inches, with four zinc cylinders each. Each cylinder was 18 inches long and about 5 to 6 inches in diameter. One of these containers fell on the ground and cracked discharging a waterlike liquid. The Soviets at once blocked the place of the incident, stating that "it is dangerous".

f. German scientists were employed in the workshops.

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3. a. Location: All data contained in Annex 1.

b. Two building sites for the reestablishment of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute.

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4. a. Location: Stated the location of objects B and F on Annex 1.

b. Reported details reproduced in sketches 3a and 3b (see Annex 2).

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5. a. Location: Stated the location of object B on Annex 1.

b. The most important building was the "engine house". Gas, compressed air, and electrical lines were being laid there. The noise of metal-working machines emanated from this building all day long.

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They told him that the KELASURI Kaiser Wilhelm Institute is a research center and the RUOTAVI machine factory a testing station. Along with others, the designer of the bazooka (Panzerfaust) was also working in the Institute.

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a. [redacted] stated that Uranium ore was being mined in the mountains near ADLER in a strictly guarded area.

b. Observations: The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute was being re-established in KELASURI. [redacted] stated that the Institute was concerned with nuclear physics.

c. [redacted] about an earthquake which occurred in the summer of 1948, he stated that he had observed or heard nothing. He only read a Pravda article of July 1948 which reported an earthquake in which three hundred thousand people lost their homes.

[redacted] When this did not take place, a new rumor arose connecting the catastrophe with an atom bomb test.

Comment:

This report supplements previous information. As the institute is housed in two different building blocks, it is assumed that also research work other than that concerned with nuclear physics is being done in a segregated installation. This assumption is corroborated by the fact that numerous scientists and experts in the most varied fields, who were either members of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute or top personalities in their domain, are employed.

2 Annexes: (1) and (2): Former Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in KELASURI.

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